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Emergency Exemption
Request

Ms Suzanne Hedgepeth
Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions & Approvals
U.S. Dept of Transportation
4007th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Dear Ms Hedgepeth,

Bimax, Inc. 212 Cockeysville Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030 is requesting an emergency processing of this Application for Exemption due to the hazardous nature of the product, The 40 drums being held contain Allyl Alcohol which is UN 1098, class 6.1(3), pkg I, B, which is toxic by inhalation with a subsidiary risk of flammable. Apparently the drums that were used are compliant for ocean freight but not for domestic transportation, according to CFR 49.227. The thickness of the steel drums is 1.0 mm but should be 1.3 mm. After discussing options with Dave Clark, the DOT Agent that contacted us, it was concluded that this material is too dangerous to be repackaged and the safest option was requesting this exemption. Therefore, we are requesting an exemption to transport the drums by truck to a location that would be able to place the drums in openhead overpacks, so they may then be shipped in compliance to our plant in Glen Rock, PA. We are presently trying to locate someone locally that could perform that service as the drums are in Norfolk, VA. This request for exemption is a one time request and the product would be transported immediately. We have already been in contact with our supplier of this material and notified them of the packaging requirements that they should have complied with.

Dave Clark offered that if there are any questions he or Chris Michalsky could answer, for them to be contacted at 267-972-7597 (Dave's cell phone) or I can be reached at 410-771-0900. I appreciate your help on this issue and look forward to your quick reply.

Sincerely,

Amy Foster